

In claim 6, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the preceeding claims" and substitute --claim 1-- therefor.

In claim 8, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the preceeding claims" and substitute --claim 1-- therefor.

In claim 10, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the claims 6 - 9" and substitute --claim 6-- therefor.

In claim 11, lines 1 and 2, please delete "one of the claims 6 - 10" and substitute --claim 6-- therefor.

In claim 12, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the claims 5 - 11" and substitute --claim 6-- therefor.

In claim 13, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the preceeding claims" and substitute --claim 1-- therefor.

In claim 14, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the preceeding claims" and substitute --claim 1-- therefor.

In claim 15, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any of the preceeding claims" and substitute --claim 1-- therefor.

In claim 18, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or 17".

In claim 19, lines 2 and 3, please delete "any of the claims 16 - 18" and substitute --claim 16-- therefor.

In claim 21, lines 1, please delete "or 20".

In claim 23, lines 2 and 3, please delete "one of the claims 17 - 19" and substitute --claim 17-- therefor.

In claim 24, lines 2 and 3, please delete "one of the claims 16 - 18" and substitute --claim 16-- therefor.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

25. (Amended) [Use of] Method of information storage and data processing by using substituted [4n]-annulenes which are substituted by at least one group comprising an extended conjugated  $\pi$ -electron system which is in conjugation with the  $\pi$ -electron system of the [4n]-annulene core under going thermally induced or photo-induced double-bond shifts (DBS) thus generating two different conjugation states with at least one substituent[, for information storage and data processing].

#### REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, the claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform to U.S. practice. No new subject matter is presented by the foregoing amendments. The filing fee for this application is based on the claims as amended herein.

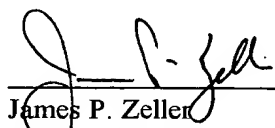
Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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